

September 2005 Addendum to the IV-B Plan

- A.1. (b) Description of any planned training activities that changed from the five year plan. Since the IV-B plan was amended several times last year prior to approval, it would be helpful to combine all previous amendments into one document under Section 7B.

See attached revised training plan.

- (d) Description of technical assistance that will be carried out in the coming year in support of the goals and objectives of the plan

In addition to the attached NRC TA (draft as of 9/9/05) plan, the Children's Division continues to partner with the Office of State Courts Administrator. In July 2005, the Family Court Committee of the Supreme Court distributed a written request to judges, juvenile officers and family court administrators asking that they support and, as appropriate, participate in the program improvement efforts undertaken by the Children's Division for the next year and a half.

The Division of Legal Services (DLS) provides legal representation to the Children's Division in a variety of matters. DLS will continue to provide assistance or input as the Children's Division looks at: existing practices to identify problem areas and barriers for children to achieving permanency; what the legal obligations are for children served who are not in the division's legal custody; and providing training to staff related to improving testifying skills in court proceedings.

- (e) Requirements under 1357.16 (Title IV-B, subparts 1 and/or 2) -
(1) financial information comparing FY 05 State and local share spending for subpart 2 programs against the 1992 base year amount as required to meet the non-supplantation requirements in section 432(a)(7)(A) of the Act.

SFY 05 state and local spending for IV-B subpart 2 programs were \$4,180,175 compared to a base year state and local spending of \$156,766.

- (2) Financial information comparing FY05 State expenditures against State expenditures under title IV-B in 1979. (See ACYF-PI-CB-03-07. This information is required to meet the maintenance of effort requirement in section 423 (c) (1) of the Act for title IV-B, subpart 1.

No state expenditures under section 423(c)(1) were made in FY 2005 and therefore did not exceed the 1.2 million maximum for those expenditures which could have been with the Title IV-B subpart 1 funds.

- A.1. (f) Please verify that no differences exist between budgeted amounts and actual expenditures for IV-B, subpart 2 for the prior fiscal year.

No differences exist between the actual and budgeted amounts.

- A.1. (i) A report of the progress made in the number of children under the care of the State who are transferred into the custody of the state juvenile system. Section 10C of the APSR shows the number of children who were transferred but the source of this information and a definition of the reporting population is needed.

Information is derived by matching exits from the alternative care population with entries into the state's Juvenile Justice system. Both information systems use the same unique identifier for children/youth served.

- A.2.(d) A description of the services and training to be provided under the CAPTA State Grant required by section 106(b)(2)(C).
 - **Training will be provided to Investigators, Family Assessors, Supervisors and Management staff on Understanding and Responding to reports and cases of Chronic Neglect. This training is to be repeated in the pilot sites and subsequent implementation sites.**
 - **SACWIS system training in pilot sites and subsequent implementation sites for Investigators, Family Assessors and Supervisors, which includes taking, screening, assessment, decision making and referral for investigating suspected instances of child abuse/neglect.**
 - **Training to Investigators, Family Assessors, Family-Centered Services (FCS), and Supervisors on Conducting thorough Safety Assessments and Implementing Effective Safety Plans.**
 - **In-service training modules for Investigators, Family Assessors, FCS staff, Supervisors focused on Effectively Responding to Reports of Child Abuse/Neglect, which includes taking, screening, assessment, decision making and referral for investigating suspected instances of child abuse/neglect.**
 - **On-going Forensic Interviewing and services provided through Missouri's Child Advocacy Center for children and families we serve.**
- A.2. (e) Has the Attorney General given opinions on whether HB 1453, SB 1003, and SB 539 affect eligibility?

There have been no Attorney General opinions on HB 1453, SB 1003 or SB 539.

- A.2 (f) Include a copy of the annual reports from the citizen review panels and a copy of the State agency's recent responses to the panels as required by section 106 (c) of CAPTA. If reports are available on websites, please provide the links.

Citizens Review Panels are comprised from three different groups: Task Force on Children's Justice; Child Fatality Review Program (CFRP); and Child Abuse/Neglect Review Board (CANRB). Web-links to the annual reports from the respective groups, as available, are attached.

- A.3 Foster Care Independence and ETV programs -1) Provide information on specific training that will be conducted in FY 2006 and 2) information on specific training that was

conducted during FY 2005 in support of the goals and objectives of the State's CFCIP and whether the State used training funds provided under title IV-E to help address the issues confronting adolescents preparing for independent living.

Title IV-E training funds were used to address issues confronting adolescents preparing for independent living. The following trainings were held in FY 2005 using Title IV-E funding:

- Adolescent case managers were identified and participated in a one day training (please refer to the State Plan for further information)
- Mental Health Issues in Adolescence training for workers and foster parents (please refer to the State Plan for further information)
- Comprehensive Child Welfare Conference (please refer to the State Plan for further information)

Other trainings in FY 2005 that did not use Title IV-E funding:

- Missouri Mentoring Partnership provided job readiness training
- Transitional Living Advocate program offers 18 hours of training to advocates that will be mentoring and housing adolescents.
- Ready, Set, Fly in-service training given to foster parents and workers
- Education and outreach on ETV program to placement providers, workers, education partners, and other youth serving agencies.
- Youth Empowering Youth and Adults Conference offered workshops on a variety of issues pertinent to adolescents in which workers, foster parents, court staff participate in.

Training to be conducted in FY 2006 includes:

- Adolescent case managers training for Children's Division staff.
 - Continued collaborative training with the Office of State Court Administrator, although may not be in the same format as the Comprehensive Child Welfare Conferences. Participants will include juvenile office staff, judges, attorneys, and Children's Division staff.
 - Missouri Mentoring Partnership job readiness training for adolescents.
 - Transitional Living Advocate training for current foster parents or other adults wishing to be mentor/placements for adolescent youth.
 - Ready, Set, Fly training for foster parents and workers.
 - Continued outreach and education on the ETV program.
 - Youth Empowering Youth and Adult Conference featuring educational/information workshops pertinent to older youth needs.
 - "What's It All About" video viewed at Basic worker training and STARS foster parent training
- Describe if and how the State will coordinate efforts to utilize the option to expand Medicaid to provide services to youth ages 18 to 20 years old and who have aged out of foster care.

Missouri is not utilizing the Medicaid Option to provide Medicaid to youth 18-21 years old who have left foster care. At this time, the Children's Division has not requested to the state legislature that this option be utilized due to recent and significant cuts to the Medicaid program by the General Assembly. The Children's Division does not believe this request would be accepted due to current fiscal constraints.

Youth ages 18-21 who are still in foster care receive Medicaid benefits as part of their care in the foster care system.

- A1(h) Please describe who is responsible for the protections for Tribal children delineated at section 422(b)(10) of the Act, whether they are in State or Tribal custody. In addition, please identify the name(s) of persons at the Indian Centers you collaborate with on ICWA and other child welfare matters.

There are no federally recognized Indian tribes in Missouri. Because of this, primary responsibility of child protection lies with state courts to take jurisdiction for placement with a state agency. Native American/Indian children and families are eligible for all Division services if they meet the program eligibility requirements.

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